

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005 claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are canceled. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, 15, 16 and 19 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blank (USPN 5,687,306) in view of Kajiya et al. (USPN 5,977,977), and further in view of Hollis et al. (USPN 6,580,430).

The indication that claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, 15, 16 and 19 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

By this response, claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are cancelled leaving only claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, 15, 16 and 19, indicated allowable, pending in this application.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

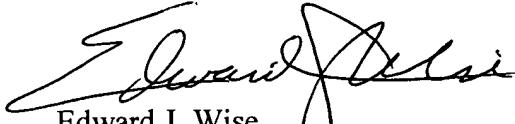
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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